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SUBJECT: COMMITTEE OF 24 (C-24) CONSIDERATION OF
TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS (TTPI)

REF: USUN 2832

1. ON JULY 20 THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON SMALL TERRITORIES OF THE C-24 CONCLUDED CONSIDERATION OF THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS (TTPI) WITH ADOPTION OF ITS REPORT TO THE FULL COMMITTEE. (COPY DATAFAXED IO/UNP SVENDSEN).

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2. THE DRAFT CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS SUBMITTED BY THE SUBCOMMITTEE ARE ALONG THE LINES OF THOSE ADOPTED LAST YEAR. THE DESIRABILITY OF MAINTAINING UNITY OF THE TERRITORY IS AGAIN EMPHASIZED. THE STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES FOR FREE ASSOCIATION APPROVED AT HILO, HAWAII, ON APRIL 9, 1978, IS NOTED, AS IS THE APPROVAL AND ENTRANCE INTO FORCE OF THE CONSTITU-

TION OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS AND THE INTENTION
OF THE ADMINISTERING AUTHORITY TO TERMINATE THE
TRUSTEESHIP AGREEMENT SIMULTANEOUSLY FOR THE NORTHERN
MARIANAS AND THE REST OF THE TRUST TERRITORY BY 1981.

3. THE REPORT MAKES NO MENTION OF THE JULY 12
CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENDUM IN THE TERRITORY OR THE
TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL'S VISITING MISSION SENT TO OBSERVE
THE REFERENDUM, A REFLECTION OF THE C-24 ATTITUDE
TOWARD THE TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL. REFERENCE TO
DEVELOPMENT OF A SUPERPORT AT PALAU HAS ALSO BEEN
OMITTED THIS YEAR.

4. THERE WAS VIRTUALLY NO DEBATE OF THE TTPI IN THE
OPEN MEETINGS OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE. WE UNDERSTAND THAT
DURING THE INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS IN WHICH THE DRAFT
REPORT WAS DISCUSSED THE ONLY ACTIVE PARTICIPANTS
WERE AUSTRALIA (SUBCOMMITTEE RAPPOREUR), CONGO, CUBA,
AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA. ALTHOUGH THE LATTER THREE REP-
RESENTATIVES MADE THEIR POINTS PERSISTENTLY, THE
AUSTRALIAN REPRESENTATIVE TOLD US THAT THE DISCUSSIONS
WERE NOT ACRIMONIOUS. OTHER DELEGATES WERE PRESENT,
BUT MOST WERE NOT THOSE WHO NORMALLY REPRESENT THEIR
MISSIONS IN THIS SUBCOMMITTEE, AND THEY DID NOT TAKE
PART IN THE DISCUSSION.
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